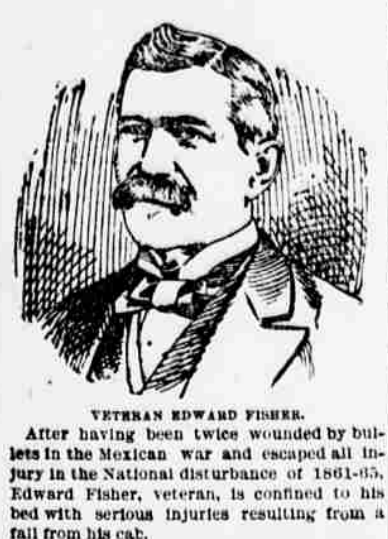


HE'S A VETERAN OF TWO WARS.

Edward Fisher Unjustly Styled a Deserter by Uncle Sam.

A Prisoner in Mexico, He Didn't Get Home to Muster Out.



VETERAN EDWARD FISHER. After having been twice wounded in the Mexican war and escaped all injury in the National disturbance of 1914-15, Edward Fisher, veteran, is confined to his bed with serious injuries resulting from a fall from his cab.

Fisher is a cabman in the employ of Overn & Mackay, Broadway and Forty-third street. Col. James E. Kerrigan, his old comrade in two wars, is now in Washington in behalf of to secure Fisher's honorable discharge as a soldier of the Mexican war, which Congressmen Amos J. Cummings expected to introduce early in the session, and which it is thought will be passed without opposition by Congress.

Although Fisher served with credit in the struggle with Mexico, the War Department records bear opposite his name the word "Deserter." This is why the old veteran has been unable to get a pension for his services and injuries received during the Mexican war.

And yet, if his old comrades are to be believed, the government records are wrong, and instead of being a deserter, Fisher was one of the bravest soldiers that ever fought under Uncle Sam's flag.

Thursday evening, while pursuing his vocation, Fisher received two injuries, which would confine him to his bed, and which make the reasons why the record should be corrected and he be granted a pension all the more urgent.

Fisher had two fares from the Union League Club. He drove down to Fortieth street and Fifth avenue, where they alighted. Fisher drove on to Fifty-fourth street, where the front axle of his cab was broken.

The driver was thrown violently to the hard stone pavement, striking on his right shoulder and grading his right temple. Had he struck squarely on the head he might have been killed or at least badly injured.

He was picked up in a taxi cab and taken to St. Vincent's hospital. He was removed to his home at 427 Eighth avenue.

When an EXAMINING WOULD reporter called on Fisher, he found him light-hearted and cheerful in spite of the apparent injustice that has been done to him. He is now recovering from nearly fifty years and the painful injuries he received the other night.

The old veteran was much anxious to giving any details of his deeds of valor, although his old comrade Col. Kerrigan pronounces him "one of the best soldiers in the Mexican war." He did, however, consent to give a few facts in his career as a soldier.

He was born in Albany, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1858, and is therefore now sixty-two years old. All his life Fisher has worked with horses, either as a truck driver, coachman, or harness driver.

He was only eighteen years old when he enlisted as a soldier for the Mexican war. He was sent to Vera Cruz, where he fought the battle of the Alamo, and he was wounded in the right arm and leg.

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MAIL ROBBED IN THE STREET

Highwaymen Hold Up a Carrier's Wagon in Chicago.

The Darling Robbers Secure About \$6,000 in Currency.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—The talk of the town today hinges upon the daring robbery of a United States mail wagon at a late hour last night by five masked men. The robbers are thought to have secured at least \$6,000 in currency from the mail. In addition to this amount there is missing \$200,000 worth of non-negotiable paper.

As yet no arrests have been made, and the police refuse to say what clues, if any, are in their possession.

The scene of the robbery was Main street, near the intersection of D-splines street. The wagon was en route to the main post-office, and was proceeding slowly. Suddenly out of an alley way five men sprang.

Four of them covered Driver Creighton with revolvers, while the fifth grabbed the horse's head. Two men climbed to the driver's seat, and commanding him, as he valued his life, to keep quiet, drove the team into a dark alley-way.

Here the driver was told to stop. The wagon was broken in, and the highwaymen, hastily selecting the registered pouches from the rear, made good their escape.

This morning on the north side and three miles from the scene of the robbery, the missing pouches, cut open but containing no money, were found by the police.

Driver Creighton tells the story of the robbery, but says that he would be unable to identify any of the gang. The men, he says, kept their faces concealed and forced him into such a position that he could not see them.

One of the men, according to Creighton, was a man with a dark complexion, wearing a long coat and a dark material.

Postmaster Inspector Stewart refuses to let him venture a guess at the identity of the gang.

The suspect believes that the gang were fully aware of the value of the mail usually contained in the wagon driven by Creighton. He does not, however, regard the finding of the rifled bags on the north side as indicating that the robbers were performed by members of the notorious Main street gang.

The last robbery of this kind occurred more than a year ago, and in the same neighborhood as that of last night.

Larkin, the police have arrested several well-known crooks, who are being held on suspicion.

'TIS A HOWLING NOR'WESTER.

Wind Blowing 65 Miles an Hour Off Sandy Hook.

A northwest gale is driving across the Atlantic today, driving pedestrians before it, and filling their eyes with dust.

This is the windiest spot in New York, but the wind has blown all the way from thirty to thirty-eight knots an hour all over the city ever since midnight.

Old Boreas in this afternoon scurrying a sixty-five-knot cyclone from the west off Sandy Hook. Cautionary signals are being given for forty-two knots of wind.

At Block Island and a star nor'wester all along the coast from Hatteras to Eastport.

It is fortunate for shipping that the gale veered from southeast to northwest before it grew into such a fury, for an off-shore breeze is dangerous.

Fourteen miles off the coast, the veering winds have kept the city alternating under sun and rain, and the temperature has risen from 33 degrees at 8 o'clock to 45 degrees at noon, and is still falling, with a prospect of freezing weather by tomorrow.

A cold wave is said to be coming from the lake region this will make cars and furs shiver by the way.

To-morrow and next day, it is said at the Signal office, will be generally fair, with local heavy rain in all the afternoon and evening.

Buffalo today reports 32-degree weather; Chicago, 30; Albany, 28; Boston, 33; and Philadelphia, 35, while the mercury is 16 degrees below zero in Minnesota, where a small blizzard is raging.

BASEBALL CONFERENCE YET ON.

Philadelphia Men Agree—Von der Ahe on Glasscock and Buckley.

PHILADELPHIA, Ind., Dec. 16.—The big baseball war chiefs were extremely tardy in getting together this morning.

An unexpected complication arose in the inability of the Philadelphia factions to arrange their affairs and away, and a halt was called while they were permitted to retire and deliberate.

They parleyed with an evidently satisfied Glasscock and Buckley, who, in turn, issued the assembly call for the league.

Meanwhile the Association celebrities played the lobby and discussed the beautiful game and the future of the league.

The mighty Von der Ahe claimed that Glasscock and Buckley were both his, and as a result a small riot was soon under way, and a company of regulars was ordered to quell it.

Fisher was arrested and locked up in the guard house. He was held for a few days, but he was released on his own recognizance.

This is how he became a "deserter," but it is really a very simple matter. He was sent to the front, where he fought the battle of the Alamo, and he was wounded in the right arm and leg.

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SCENE I.



WANTED—A SITUATION.

MURDERER RICHARDS'S TRIAL.

The Negro Who Cut Officer Sherman's Throat at Bar.

Noah Richards was this morning placed on trial before Justice Van Brunt in the Court of Sessions for the murder of Police Officer John J. Sherman.

Richards, who is a full-blooded negro, cut the officer's throat with a razor on Sept. 1 last, while Sherman was in the act of arresting him for disorderly conduct.

The prisoner is indicted for murder in the first degree, which, in the event of conviction, is punishable by death in the electric chair.

It was hard work getting a jury. Many of the candidates for the jury-box had decided opinions in regard to the case, and others were opposed to the infliction of the death penalty by electricity.

William Henry Knox is counsel for Richards. The prosecution is in charge of Assistant District Attorneys Weeks and Sims.

Richards did not seem to realize that his life was at stake as he sat beside his lawyer, and appeared to take no more than a spectator's interest in the proceedings.

He looked pleased, however, whenever a juror said he did not believe in capital punishment.

Knox asked this question of every juror: "Do you believe that a man is justified in taking another's life under certain circumstances?"

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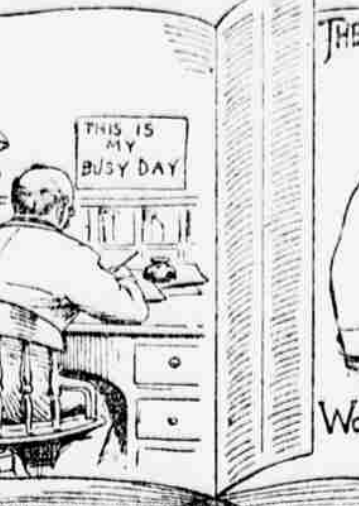
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SCENE II.



WANTED—A SITUATION.

YOUNG MRS. BLAINE'S SUIT.

Evidence Being Taken at Star Chamber Hearings Here.

Behind locked doors at his office in the Equitable Building, 120 Broadway, Daniel Lord, Jr., is sitting as referee and listening to the testimony in the suit of Mrs. James O. Blaine, Jr., for a divorce from her husband.

Only the witnesses and principals are permitted to enter the office. The hearing began last Saturday, and will probably continue daily till after Christmas.

The suit is brought in the State of Dakota by Mrs. Blaine, who made her residence there last April for that purpose. The divorce is asked for on the ground of young Blaine's desertion and failure to support.

The beautiful young wife was formerly Mary Smith. The son of the Secretary of State met his young wife face to face in Belvedere Lord's office, when the divorce began, for the first time in many months, but neither made any sign of recognition.

The little woman is as sunny as ever, though pain and suffering have marred her face. She came to New York two weeks ago, but her presence there has been a carefully guarded secret.

The Dakota courts have granted her an order for \$200 alimony and \$300 costs, but, though young Blaine says he cannot pay, the court has ordered him to do so.

Lawyer E. M. Johnson, for Mrs. Blaine, says he must pay, and that if he doesn't pay, the court will order him to do so.

That Mrs. Blaine can secure her divorce without opposition. The case will be tried in December 20, and the divorce will be valid if any.

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THEY HIT HIM WITH STONES.

He Wanted the Police to Arrest His Persecutors.

A Scrimmage That Brightened the Wits of a Young Hopeful.



WANTED—A SITUATION.

FATAL WRECK ON THE CENTRAL.

The Chicago Limited Ran Past a Danger Signal.

Much delay to traffic was caused at the Grand Central Depot this morning owing to the crash-up of a freight car last night on the New York Central at 134th Landing.

The train crashed into a switch engine and two loaded cars just south of 134th street station at 6 o'clock.

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